



## SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

### MEDICAID HOSPICE POLICY MANUAL

**Section: ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES**

**Subject: Medicaid Hospice  
Infection Control**

**Reference: ARM 37.40.805, 42 CFR 418.60**

### **INFECTION CONTROL**

The hospice must maintain and document an effective infection control program that protects members, families, visitors, and hospice personnel by preventing and controlling infections and communicable diseases.

### **PREVENTION**

The hospice must follow accepted standards of practice to prevent the transmission of infections and communicable diseases, including the use of standard precautions.

### **CONTROL**

The hospice must maintain a coordinated agency-wide program for the surveillance, identification, prevention, control, and investigation of infectious and communicable diseases that:

1. Is an integral part of the hospice's quality assessment and performance improvement program; and
2. Includes the following:
  - a. A method of identifying infectious and communicable disease problems; and
  - b. A plan for implementing the appropriate actions that are expected to result in improvement and disease prevention.

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## **EDUCATION**

The hospice must provide infection control education to employees, contracted providers, members, and family members and other caregivers.